

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend the listing of claims to read as follows:*

1-19. (cancelled)

20. (new) A process for producing a {111} tabular silver halide emulsion in which an aqueous solution of a silver salt is combined with an aqueous solution of a halide salt forming {111} tabular silver halide grains in the presence of a water-soluble polymeric compound which has a preferred adsorption to {111} crystal faces of -3 or less as determined by subtracting the value for the adsorption to {111} crystal faces from the value for the adsorption to {100} crystal faces, measured at pH=9, said values being determined by the modified Kubelka-Munk method as described in T.Tani J.Imag.Sc 29 (1985) vol 29, 165 in the presence of the water soluble polymeric compound.

21. (new) The process according to claim 20 in which the water-soluble polymeric compound is present in the nucleation step.

22. (new) The process according to claim 20 in which the nucleation step is carried out at a pH of less than 6.

23. (new) The process according to claim 20 in which the nucleation is carried out at a pH of 6 or more.

24. (new) The process according to claim 21 in which the nucleation step is in the presence of a compound that has a preferred adsorption to {111} crystal faces of -6 or less.

25. (new) The process according to claim 21 in which the nucleation step is in the presence of a compound that is a polypeptide.

26. (new) The process according to claim 21 in which the nucleation step is in the presence

of a compound that is selected from a natural gelatine, a synthetic gelatine, a modified gelatine and a recombinant gelatine.

27. (new) The process according to claim 26 in which the gelatine has an average molecular weight of less than 50 kilo Dalton.

28. (new) A process according to claim 26 in which the gelatine has a molecular weight of 5 to 25 kilo Dalton.

29. (new) The process according to claim 21 wherein the water-soluble polymeric compound is added simultaneously with the silver salt and the halide salt in the nucleation step.

30. (new) The process according to claim 21 in which the nucleation step is in the presence of a compound that is a polypeptide comprising an amino acid selected from arginine, lysine, hydroxylysine and histidine as the carboxy-terminal amino acid.

31. (new) The process according to claim 21 in which the nucleation step is in the presence of a compound that is a polypeptide in which at least one terminal side of the polypeptide comprises an amino acid 'A' with an amine containing restgroup and an amino acid 'B' with a carboxyl containing restgroup said amino acids 'A' and 'B' being separated from each other by at most 4 amino acids, preferably by at most 2 amino acids most preferably by at most 1 amino acid.

32. (new) The process according to claim 31 in which the nucleation step is carried out at a pH of 7 or more, preferably at a pH of at least 8, more preferably at a pH between about 8 and 11 in the presence of a polypeptide in which amino acid 'A' is arginine or lysine.

33. (new) The process according to claim 30 in which the nucleation step is carried out at a pH of 7 or more in the presence of a polypeptide having an arginine or lysine as the carboxy-terminal amino acid.

34. (new) The process according to claim 21 wherein in the nucleation step the water-soluble polymeric compound is present in an amount of about 0.01 to 0.2 mol per mol silver.
35. (new) A {111} tabular silver halide emulsion wherein at least 60% of the total projected grain area of said silver halide grains are {111} tabular silver halide grains with a silver bromide content of at least 50% obtainable with the method according to claim 20.
36. (new) The {111} tabular silver halide emulsion according to claim 35 wherein the {111} tabular silver halide grains have an average aspect ratio of 6 to 40 and a thickness of less than 0.2 micron and more than 0.05 micron.
37. (new) The {111} tabular silver halide emulsion according to claim 35 having a homodispersity of less than 18 expressed as RDA.
38. (new) Photographic material comprising on a support at least one layer comprising a {111} tabular silver halide emulsion according to claim 35.